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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH GA: TIMING OF THE VOTE ON PRIORITY

1. UNDER DATE OF 14 OCTOBER THE UN HAS CIRCULATED AN EARLIER ALGERIAN REQUEST THAT THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION ON KOREA BE PUT TO THE VOTE BEFORE THE FRIENDLY TEXT. (IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THIS REQUEST OF ALGERIAN PERMREP RAHAL HAD BEEN SENT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 18 SEPTEMBER FOLLOWING THE GENERAL COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO REVERSE THE ORDER OF SUB-ITEMS UNDER THE "QUESTION OF KOREA" HEADING. THE ASSEMBLY'S SECRETARIAT HAD PROPERLY TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE RAHAL LETTER WAS NOT RECEIVABLE IN PLENARY SINCE IT DEALT WITH VOTING PRIORITIES IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE. CONSEQUENTLY THE LETTER WAS NOT CIRCULATED UNTIL 14 OCTOBER WHEN THE ALGERIANS APPARENTLY FORMALLY REQUESTED ITS CIRCULATION AS A DOCUMENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

2. THE ALGERIAN LETTER NOW APPEARS AS A/C.1/1061 WITH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPLANATORY TITLE "LETTER DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 1975 FROM THE PER-

MANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ALGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL" (WITH A FOOTNOTE READING "THE REQUEST TO CIRCULATE THIS LETTER AS A DOCUMENT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE WAS MADE ON 14 OCTOBER 1975.") THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: "ON BEHALF OF THE SPONSORS OF THE REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ITEM ENTITLED 'CREATION OF FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR CONVERTING THE ARMISTICE INTO A DURABLE PEACE IN KOREA AND ACCELERATING THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA' (DOCUMENT A/10191), I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN DOCUMENT A/10191 (NOW A/C.1/L.709) BE GIVEN PRIORITY AND PUT TO THE VOTE BEFORE ANY OTHER DRAFT RESOLUTION UNDER THE ITEM ENTITLED 'QUESTION OF KOREA':"

2. IN A DISCUSSION 15 OCTOBER, MISOFF NOTED TO BANERJEE THAT THE ALGERIAN LETTER CONSTITUTES A REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER RULE 131, EXACTLY ALONG THE LINES OF THE CUBAN MOTION FOR PRIORITY LAST YEAR; THE ONLY QUESTION RAISED BY THE RAHAL LETTER IS WHETHER THE ALGERIAN GROUP INTENDS TO PRESS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DECIDE AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE KOREAN DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO REVERSE PRIORITIES, RATHER THAN AT THE MORE USUAL TIME TOWARD THE END OF THE DEBATE WHEN THE COMMITTEE IS ABOUT TO VOTE ON THE VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

BANERJEE SAID HE HAS RECOMMENDED TO GHORRA THAT THE COMMITTEE NOT TAKE A DECISION ON THE ALGERIAN MOTION UNTIL THE BODY OF THE BEBATE HAS BEEN HEARD SINCE HE BELIEVES THAT ANY POSSIBILITY OF CONCILIATION WOULD BE EXCLUDED WERE THE COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT THE OUTSET OF THE

ITEM TO DETERMINE VOTING PRIORITIES AS AMONGEST COMPETING RESOLUTIONS.

3. BANERJEE ALSO EXPLAINED, SOMEWHAT LAMELY, THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE SECOND TECHNICAL REISSUANCE OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, WHICH APPEARED. THIS SECOND REISSUANCE, WHICH, OF COURSE, CONTINUES TO BEAR THE DOCUMENT DESIGNATOR A/C.1/L.708/REV.1, WAS OCCASIONED BY THE ERROR OF THE FIRST REISSUANCE WHICH FOOTNOTED THE LISTING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF 28 FRIENDLY CO-SPONSORS OF THE REVISED TEXT WITH THE STATEMENT "SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT ON 27 JUNE 1975 (SEE DOCUMENT A/10142)." AS BANERJEE NOTED, SUCH COUNTRIES AS FRANCE HAD NOT BEEN CO-SPONSORS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN JUNE BUT HAD COME ABOARD WHEN THEIR AMENDMENTS WERE ACCEPTED. ACCORDINGLY HE HAD CALLED FOR A SECOND TECHNICAL REISSUANCE WHICH BEARS THE LONGER FOOTNOTED EXPLANATION "THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS IT APPEARED IN DOCUMENT A/C.1/L.708 WAS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARUAT ON 27 JUNE 1975 (SEE DOCUMENT A/10142). THE REVISED TEXT OF THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS ISSUED ON 10 OCTOBER IN DOCUMENT A/C.1/L/708REV.1."

4. THE KOREAN CORE GROUP, MEETING ON 15 OCTOBER, HOWEVER, FELT THAT IT IS INTOLERABLE THAT OUR RESOLUTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH BY THE SECRETARIAT, EVEN IF BY WAY OF FOOTNOTE, WITHOUT THEIR HAVING CONSULTED US. ADDITIONAL INDIGNATION WAS ENGENDERED OVER CORE GROUP'S UNDERSTANDING THAT TAMPERING WAS ON INSTIGATION OF NORTH KOREAN'S. THE CORE GROUP FELT THAT FAILURE TO PROTEST STRONGLY COULD STIMULATE FURTHER EFFORTS BY THE HOSTILE GROUP TO DEFEAT OUR PRIORITY. CONSEQUENTLY THEY HAVE ASKED THAT THE US, BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS SEE WALDHEIM TODAY TO PROTEST THE APPEARANCE WITHOUT CONSULTATION OF THE SECOND TECHNICAL REISSUANCE.

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